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Local Fund Dispensary, Quilandy.

* 34 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the necessity of converting the Local Fund Dispensary at Quilandy in North Malabar, into a Government Hospital; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any plan for converting all local fund hospitals into Government hospitals?"

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Machkund dam.

* 35 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the height of the Machkund dam has been reduced; and

(*b*) if so, by how much and what are the reasons for the reduction?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—" Sir, the paper laid on the table of the House says, 'In order to prevent undue silting at the generating dam, it is proposed to build that dam to a lower height than originally intended . . .'. May I know, Sir, whether the engineers when they investigated this project did not have any idea of the silt problem? Is there no other method of removing the silt than by lowering the dam? I want to know whether silt ventilators cannot be constructed and whether lowering the dam is the only alternative."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" I do not know the technique. The engineers say that the only way to solve this silt problem is to lower the dam."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister is aware that by lowering the dam by 80 feet, the storage capacity, to provide water particularly in the lean months of the year, will be greatly affected?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 515 infra.